



ST FAITH'S
GREAT CROSBY

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity
Sunday 31st August 2025

Hymns

105 All creatures of our God and king
163 Angel voices ever singing
278 Hands that have been handling
203 O praise ye the Lord!

Notices

The Blessed Sacrament lamp burns this week in memory of two men who gave many years of faithful and devoted service to St Faith's as Sacristans - Gerald Laybourne and George Goodwin. R.I.P.

Fit for Mission: The Diocese requires the PCCs of all churches in the South Sefton Deanery to vote on whether to join their 'Fit for Mission' (FfM) initiative on the 29th of September. Prior to the PCC vote we have produced a booklet which it is hoped will help to explain this venture to the congregation. Two large copies of the booklet are available to read through at the back of church. There is also a display of the individual pages of the booklet pinned to the board above the table. If you have any questions, please approach any member of the PCC:- we will endeavour to assist! You can also access a list of Frequently asked Questions (and their answers) on the Diocesan website: <https://tinyurl.com/FfM-faqs>.

Giving to St Faith's: If you do not give regularly to St Faith's and wish to join our Parish Giving Scheme (subscribing through your bank on a monthly basis), please ask David Jones for details or use this link - <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/great-crosby-st-faith-liverpool/>. All enquiries are confidential.

The Holy Rosary will be taking a slightly different form during September to further focus our attention on Creationtide. There will be different prayers and more quiet time for meditation. **9.40am** in the **Chapel of the Cross** as usual on **Sunday 7th September**, but because of our Patronal Festival, a week earlier than usual, on **Sunday 28th September**.

100 Club: The next draw will be on Sunday 7th September, so you have time to join if you're not already a member! Please ask David Jones for details, or email him at david.jones@stfaithsgc.org.uk

Movement for Good: Nominate a charity or church to win them £1,000. Please visit <https://movementforgood.com/> to place your vote!

Contact Details: If you have joined St Faith's Church within the last 12 months, please check with Corinne Hedgecock that we have your contact details, in case of illness. Details will not be shared and will be held by the wardens and ministry team only.

St Faith's "Going for Bronze" to become an Eco Church – An A Rocha UK Project. Eco-friendly living does not mean doing everything perfectly, it means making better choices, one step at a time. Start with what feels achievable for you and build momentum. Your small actions inspire others, and together we can create a more sustainable world. Look out for the Eco-friendly living tips – coming soon! In the meantime, why not calculate your carbon footprint? Check out the following websites:- <https://zero.giki.earth/>, <https://footprint.wwf.org.uk>. It's quick, easy and fun to do! You don't have to share your results!

Events

Quiz Night: Quiz Night at St Faith's Parish Hall on **Saturday 20th September** at **7pm** in aid of Sean's Place, supporting men's mental health. Tickets are £5 on the door or call 07510 219 705.

Family Fun Day: Family Fun Day on **Sunday 28th September, 1pm – 5pm** at St Faith's Parish Hall. Bouncy castle, soft play, Disney characters and more! External fundraiser for the late Andrew Martin's children. Admission by ticket – adults £10, children £5, open to families of St Faith's but organisers request that this event is not to be posted on social media please, thank you. See Corinne Hedgecock for more information.

This Week's Services

This Sunday 11:00am, Eucharist Eleventh Sunday after Trinity	Fr. Dennis Smith
Monday 1st September, 9:30am Morning Prayer	Fr. Louis Johnson
Wednesday 3rd September, 10:30am Eucharist at St Mary's	Fr. Peter Walker
Thursday 4th September, 12 noon Low Mass	Fr. Dennis Smith

Next Sunday 11:00am, Eucharist Twelfth Sunday after Trinity	Fr. Peter Cowley <i>Readings: Deuteronomy 30.15-end, Psalm 1, Philemon 1.21, Luke 14.25-33</i>
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Please keep in your prayers

The Diocese: Good Shepherd, De La Salle School, St John Bosco School, St David Childwall, All Saints Stoneycroft, Broadgreen School, St Paul Croxteth, St Bartholomew Roby, Trinity Anglican/Methodist Page Moss, St Gabriel Huyton Quarry, St Gabriel's School.

Parish: Somerville Road, Birchdale Road, Ashdale Road, Oakdale Road, Thorndale Road, Ferndale Road, Rockland Road.

The World: For peace in all areas of conflict in the world. For those affected by fires, floods, famines and earthquakes. For emergency workers working in disaster areas. For refugees, asylum seekers and agencies that help them. For good stewardship of the earth and its resources. For all victims of cruelty, injustice and exploitation.

The Church: The unity of all Christians everywhere. Archbishop Stephen, Bishop Ruth, Ven Pete Spiers, our Archdeacon, Area Dean Rev. Alex Peach, Churches in the South Sefton Deanery, and local ecumenical partners.

Those who are sick: Joan McKortel, Sheila Roberts, Alistair Byron, Peter Smith, Fr. Michael Brinkworth, Angie Price, Susie Greenwood, Jill Deeprose, John Hartley, Holly Keira Barnes, Ken Welsby, Steve Seneviratne.

Recently departed: Courtney Harrison and Elizabeth Jackson.

Those who are to be remembered at this time: John Marshall, Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor, Elliott Waugh, Cyril Twitchett (Priest), Jean Thompson, Graham Cunningham (2017), George Conalty, Sr. Mother Theresa, Les Gee, Jean Price, Clive Brookes, Frederick Bradford, Veronica Mary Aynsley, William Thomas Hassall.

The Collect

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading, Proverbs 25.6-7

Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great; for it is better to be told, 'Come up here', than to be put lower in the presence of a noble. What your eyes have seen.

Psalm 112

Alleluia. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and have great delight in his commandments. Their descendants will be mighty in the land, a generation of the faithful that will be blest. Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness endures for ever. Light shines in the darkness for the upright; gracious and full of compassion are the righteous. It goes well with those who are generous in lending and order their affairs with justice, For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be held in everlasting remembrance. They will not be afraid of any evil tidings; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord. Their heart is sustained and will not fear, until they see the downfall of their foes. They have given freely to the poor; their righteousness stands fast for ever; their head will be exalted with honour. The wicked shall see it and be angry; they shall gnash their teeth in despair; the desire of the wicked shall perish.

Second Reading, Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' So we can say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?' Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that

confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord.

I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia.

Gospel, Luke 14.1, 7-14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. ‘When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, “Give this person your place”, and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, “Friend, move up higher”; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.’ He said also to the one who had invited him, ‘When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.’

Post Communion

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord.